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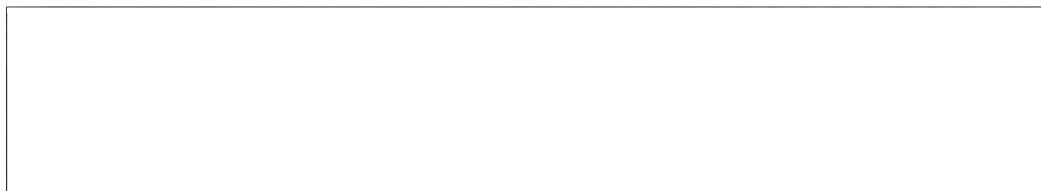
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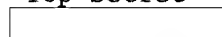


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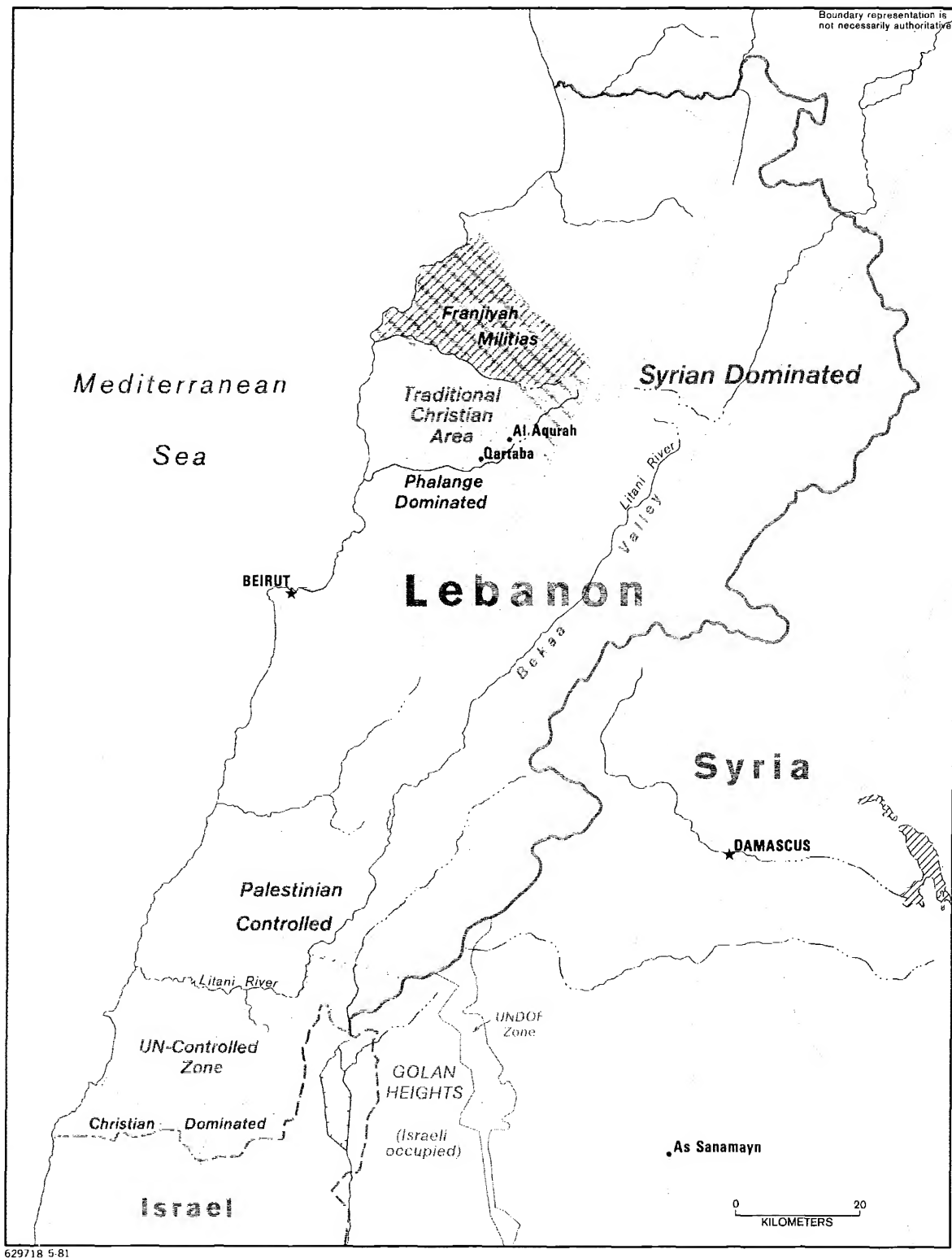


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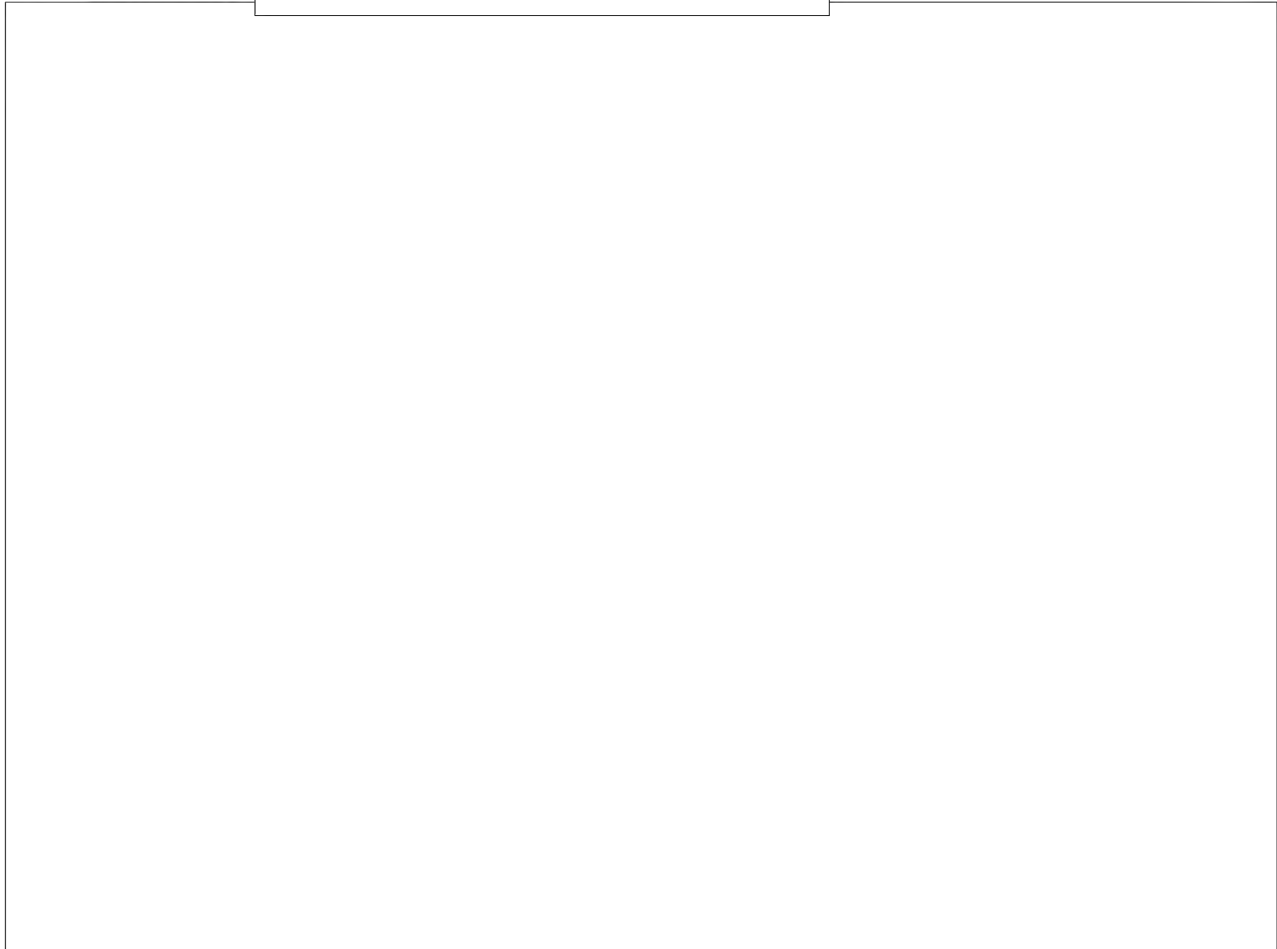
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LEBANON:



New Fighting in Northern Lebanon

[redacted] the Syrians began shelling Phalange militia and Lebanese Army positions around Al Agurah and Qartaba on Monday. The Syrians have been reinforcing their Lebanese allies in northern Lebanon for several weeks [redacted]

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Christian leader Camille Shamun yesterday publicly urged that additional Lebanese Army units be sent to Al Aqurah to end the fighting. His appeal is likely to reinforce long-held Syrian suspicions that the Lebanese Army is sympathetic to the Maronite militias. [redacted] 25X1

Syrian forces are continuing to improve their military posture. The armored division at As Sanamayn conducted a command post exercise Monday. [redacted]

Soviet Adviser Activity

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We have no evidence that Soviet advisers are in Lebanon to the extent asserted by Prime Minister Begin in recent days. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] since early May Soviet advisers and technicians have entered Lebanon for special assignments, such as installation and repair of radar associated with Syrian surface-to-air missiles. [redacted] 25X1

There are about 3,000 Soviet military advisers and technicians in Syria. They serve throughout the armed forces with many operational units and are stationed at the division and brigade levels. In air defense units Soviets are usually stationed at each SAM site. [redacted] 25X1

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POLAND: Domestic Security Concerns

*The partial breakdown of the authority of the police and security services and greater public hostility toward the Soviets have put the government and Solidarity in difficult positions.*

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The Council of Ministers on Monday warned that increased crime threatens the basis of social life and called "impermissible" recent accusations and insults aimed against Soviet soldiers. Both developments are the result of the social ferment of the past 11 months. Poles are no longer willing to suffer quietly any real or imagined mistreatment at the hands of their own authorities or of the Soviets.

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These incidents also will put pressure on the Solidarity leadership to continue its moderate behavior. Although the union has led the drive to put more stringent limits on the police, its leaders may fear an incident will get out of hand and the government will feel compelled to use force to restore order. To improve the effectiveness of the police, the government has begun using joint patrols of regular and military police.

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USSR: Uncertain Grain Crop Prospects

*Bad weather early in the crop season put the goal of a 236-million-ton grain crop this year all but beyond reach.* [redacted]

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With normal weather from now on, a crop of 205 million tons is likely. With excellent weather, a crop of 225 million tons is possible. [redacted]

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Despite the grain embargo, Soviet imports will reach record levels this year. By 30 September, Moscow will probably have imported about 35.4 million tons of grain as well as some 3 million tons of soybeans, soybean meal, and manioc. [redacted]

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Even with good crops in 1981 and succeeding years, the Soviets will need to import 20 to 30 million tons of grain annually. Moscow's success in lining up contracts guaranteeing it access to 11 to 15 million tons of non-US grain per year will give it confidence in negotiating a new Long-Term Agreement with the US. The Soviets still want an arrangement with the US to fall back on, however, in the event other suppliers have bad years. [redacted]

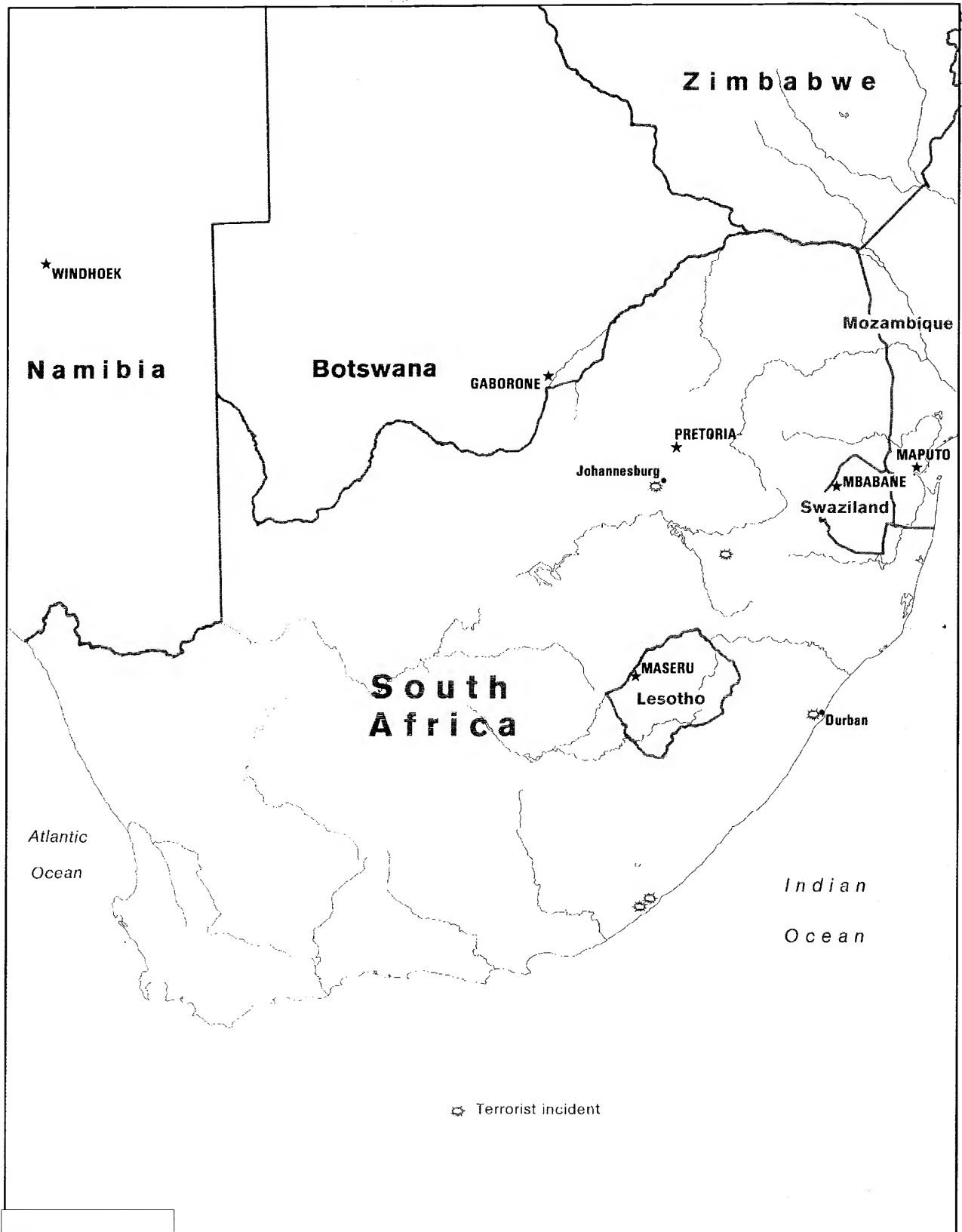
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SOUTH AFRICA: Potential for More Violence

*More terrorist incidents and racial violence are likely in South Africa over the next few weeks.* [ ]

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The African National Congress--the principal Soviet-backed South African insurgent group--probably was responsible for the largely ineffective sabotage of railway lines near Johannesburg and Durban on Monday and for three other terrorist incidents over the weekend. The incidents were aimed at enforcing a call by black militants for a one-day work stoppage to protest the celebration of South Africa's 20th anniversary as a republic. [ ]

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Most nonwhite leaders, including moderates, have called for a boycott of the ceremonies, which culminate this weekend. The Congress and other militant groups also could be planning attacks to coincide with the anniversary on 16 June of the riots in Soweto in 1976. [ ]

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The attacks reflect the gradual growth in the operational capabilities of the Congress. Terrorist incidents have increased significantly since the organization decided in March to intensify attacks in urban areas. [ ]

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The terrorist incidents also coincide with strikes and demonstrations by nonwhites hit hard by double-digit inflation. In addition, many nonwhites are increasingly cynical about Prime Minister Botha's intentions for reforming the apartheid system. [ ]

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The government will deal harshly with any increase in racial violence and will be able to contain it. Pretoria may eventually respond to the new wave of terrorist incidents by attacking Congress staging areas in neighboring black states. [ ]

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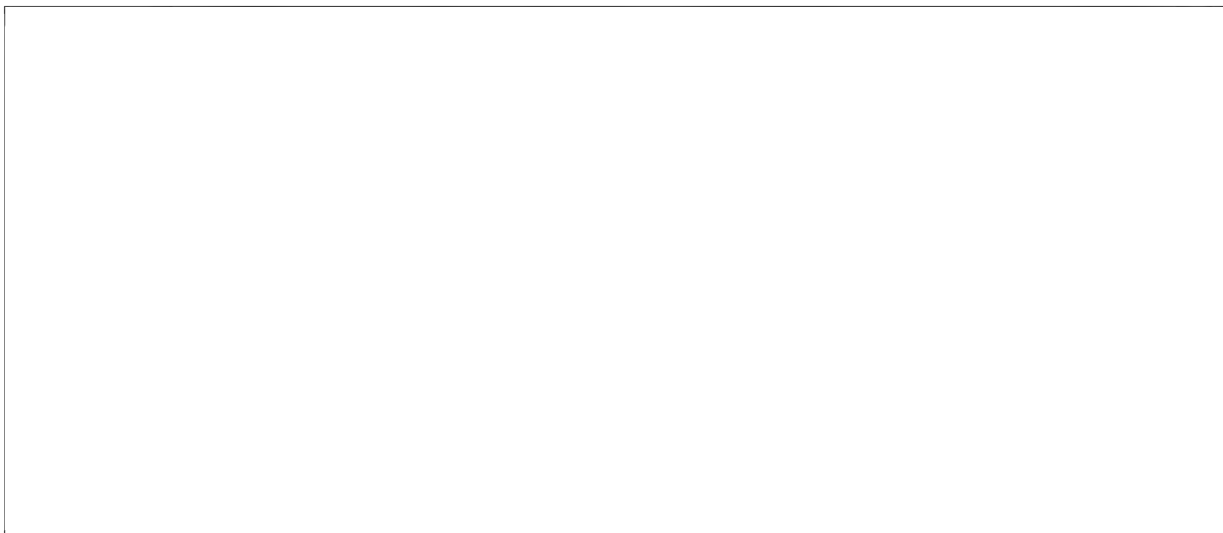
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OPEC: Meeting Adjourns

The agreement of a majority of OPEC members to cut production by 10 percent will not eliminate downward pressures on world oil prices. Saudi Arabia, Iran, and Iraq, which account for about half of current OPEC output, are not party to the agreement. Indeed, Iran and Iraq reportedly have OPEC approval to continue rebuilding production.

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Several other producers--Libya, Nigeria, and Kuwait--have already been forced to cut output sharply. We doubt they will intentionally cut further; they conceivably might try to restore some production.

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USSR-MONGOLIA: Speech at the Mongolian Party Congress

Soviet Politburo member Gorbachev, speaking at the opening session of the 18th Mongolian Party Congress yesterday, repeated standard charges on how "bellicose imperialist quarters" and their "active accomplices" in Beijing are heating up the world situation. He apparently focused on US military activity in the Indian Ocean region, US "interference" in Afghanistan and aid to Pakistan, and Washington's plans to create a rapid deployment force. Gorbachev also reiterated support for Vietnam, Laos, Kampuchea, India, and other countries that Moscow views as potential targets of Beijing's "hegemonistic policy." In concluding, he reassured his hosts that the Soviets will continue giving Mongolia the military and economic aid that allows it to preserve its independence from China.

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#### CYPRUS: Greek Cypriot Election Results

The Communist Party, which edged out the conservative Democratic Rally 33 to 32 percent in the legislative election on Sunday, probably will not threaten the Kyprianou government or the British bases on Cyprus. The Communists now have 12 seats in the 35-member parliament, but they are too cautious and too much a part of the Greek Cypriot establishment to risk losing the legitimacy and material benefits provided by their current moderate course. Glafkos Clerides' pro-West Democratic Rally also won 12 seats, giving it a powerful countervailing voice in parliament it previously lacked. Kyprianou's center-right Democratic Party, which finished a strong third with eight seats, will hold the balance; if necessary, Kyprianou can count on his substantial presidential powers to defy both major parties. [REDACTED]

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## ZIMBABWE-UK: Possible Reduction of Military Advisers

Budgetary constraints have led some British officials to propose a substantial reduction in the size of their 160-man training team in Zimbabwe. The security outlook in Zimbabwe has improved significantly with the government's success in disarming the last two holdout guerrilla camps last week, and the proposed cuts would not occur until all former guerrillas are integrated into the new army late this year. Nevertheless, even a partial British withdrawal could cause discipline to decline in the army and make Prime Minister Mugabe more receptive to Communist offers of training assistance. [redacted]

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## BOLIVIA: Garcia Meza Announces Resignation

Junta leader General Garcia Meza announced yesterday that he would surrender the presidency to a military-designated successor on 6 August. He called on his comrades to name his replacement by 17 July--the first anniversary of the military coup which brought him to power. Meza stated also he would accept a position as armed forces commander in chief. The announcement follows two weeks of turbulence in which Garcia Meza was twice challenged by military insurrections. [redacted]

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Garcia Meza's regime has been continually beset by coup plots, but his opponents were unable to unite behind a successor or secure the support of the major military power brokers in the capital. Unlike earlier plots, however, the two most recent coup attempts raised the possibility of a confrontation among military units. The need to resolve these dangerous splits peacefully probably prompted key unit commanders to press Garcia Meza into offering his resignation. [redacted]

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